

Happy New Year 2021: We Have Already Won!

(Christmas Night message: preached 12/27 - 1/2/2021)

This is a simple reading of the last four books of the Bible in the NASB. While brief commentary was given verbally, as it was read, the following is the entire text of Scripture only with headings added only.

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY WON?

Prepare to hear the Four Hallelujahs! (Revelation 19:1-6)

After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

1. "Hallelujah! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God, because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great prostitute who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her." And a second time they said,
2. "Hallelujah! Her smoke rises forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne, saying,
3. "Amen. Hallelujah!" And a voice came from the throne, saying, "Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great." Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying,
4. "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns."

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY WON?

Prepare to eat with your Lord! (Revelation 19:7-10)

"Let's rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has prepared herself." It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brothers and sisters who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY WON?

Prepare to see your Lord's return! (Revelation 19:11-16)

- And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.
- His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.
- He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
- And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.
- From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and
- He will rule them with a rod of iron; and

- He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.
- And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written: "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY WON?

Prepare to see your enemies defeated! (Revelation 19:17-21)

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great feast of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, both free and slaves, and small and great."

And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse, and against His army.

And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY WON?

Prepare to see the Devil bound! (Revelation 20:1-3)

- Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.
- And he took hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

- And he threw him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed;
- After these things he must be released for a short time.

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY WON?

Prepare to rise from the dead! (Revelation 20:4-6)

- Then I saw thrones, and
 - they sat on them, and
 - judgment was given to them.
- And I saw the souls of
 - those who had been beheaded
 - because of their testimony of Jesus and
 - because of the word of God, and
 - those who had
 - not worshiped the beast or his image, and had
 - not received the mark on their foreheads and on their hands;
- And they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed.

- This is the first resurrection.
- Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these
 - the second death has no power, but
 - they will be priests of God and of Christ, and
 - will reign with Him for a thousand years.

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY WON?

Prepare to see the Devil doomed! (Revelation 20:7-10)

“When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY WON?

Prepare to see the world judged! (Revelation 20:11-15)

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them; and they were judged, each one of them according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY WON?

Prepare to see your new Earth and Heaven! (Revelation 21:1-8)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give water to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life, without cost. The one who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. But for the cowardly, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and sexually immoral persons, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY WON?

Prepare to see your new home! (Revelation 21:9-27)

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, full of the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very valuable stone, like a stone of crystal-clear jasper. It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on the gates, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, twelve thousand stadia; its length, width, and height are equal. And he measured its wall, 144 cubits, by human measurements, which are also angelic measurements. The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. The foundation stones of the city wall were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz;

the tenth, chrysoptase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY WON?

Prepare to drink from the River of Life and eat from the Tree of Life, forever! (Revelation 22:1-6)

And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And there will no longer be any night;

and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY WON?

Stop worrying: Jesus is coming again! (Revelation 22:7-9)

"And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. And he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY WON?

Stop worrying: Jesus will reward you! (Revelation 22:10-13)

And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the one who does wrong still do wrong, and the one who is filthy still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous still practice righteousness, and the one who is holy still keep himself holy."

“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to reward each one as his work deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE’VE ALREADY WON?

Stop worrying: Jesus has saved you! (Revelation 22:14-17)

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life, and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral persons, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you of these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires, take the water of life without cost.

WHY DO YOU WORRY WHEN WE’VE ALREADY WON?

Stop worrying: Jesus has already won! (Revelation 22:18-21)

I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

OUTLINE:

This was a simple reading with commentary: there is no outline.

WORSHIP:

This was a quiet reading conducted alone: there was no public worship.